

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly amend the claims as follows:

1.(currently amended) In a tractor trailer having a tractor unit with drive wheels and a trailer unit, and wherein said tractor unit includes an internal combustion engine, said internal combustion engine being operative to drive said drive wheels, said trailer unit

having a plurality of axles each having wheels thereon, the improvement comprising

electric drive means for driving the wheels on at least one of said axles, batteries

operatively connected to said electric drive means, said batteries being mounted on said

tractor unit, a generator for charging said batteries and a control system for selectively

operating said electric drive means ~~for driving said wheels~~.

2-3(cancelled)

4.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means

comprise electric motors associated with said wheels on a plurality of axles.

5.(cancelled)

6.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 4 wherein said electric motors include

regenerative braking capability .

7.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means

comprise a plurality of electric motors, each electric motor being operative to drive a single

wheel of said trailer unit.